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SUBJECT: SSOD GENERAL DEBATE, JUNE 1: STATEMENT OF
ETHIOPIA

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FELEKE
GEDLE-GIORGIS PRESENTED STATEMENT IN GENERAL DEBATE RE-
COUNTING PAST HISTORY OF ETHIOPIAN INVASIONS, BLAMING WEST-
TEN EUROPEANS AND US FOR ITS MILITARY ILL-FORTUNES BECAUSE
OF ARMS EMBARGOES. END SUMMARY.

2. ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE LENGTHY HISTORY
OF INVASIONS INTO ETHIOPIA AND BLAMED THE US AND WESTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR ETHIOPIA'S MILITARY ILL-FORTUNES
BECAUSE SHE WAS "DENIED DELIVERY OF DEFENSIVE WEAPONS,
WEAPONS FOR WHICH SHE HAD PAID FROM HER MEAGER RESOURCES."
HE OBSERVED THAT ETHIOPIA WAS AGAIN THE VICTIM OF AGGRES-
SION, THIS TIME FROM "EXPANSIONIST SOMALIA", BACKED BY
"AN ARRAY OF IMPERIALIST AND REACTIONARY FORCES."
HE UNDERSCORED ETHIOPIA'S "SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO SEEK ASSIST-
ANCE" FROM THE EASTERN BLOC. GEDLE-GIORGIS ALSO NOTED THAT
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PARALLEL TO THE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN DETENTE AND CONSOLI-
DATE PEACE, THE SOCIALIST STATES, PARTICULARLY THE USSR,
HAVE "UNFAILINGLY MANIFESTED THEIR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE
NEED FOR HALTING THE ARMS RACE AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT." HE
WARNED THAT "UNLESS THE LINK BETWEEN THE IMPERIALIST COUN-
TRIES AND THAT OF RACIST REGIMES IS SEVERED FORTHWITH, THE

SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES WILL
CONTINUE TO BE COMPROMISED AND, STILL WORSE, INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY WILL BE GRAVELY JEOPARDIZED."

3. FOR ADDIS: COMPLETE TEXT POUCHED JUNE 6. YOUNG

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